

In the Specification:

Please amend the last full paragraph of the specification on page 19 as indicated below:

In one embodiment of the invention, a seller is not permitted to change any terms or information included in or used to determine a response to a request for telecommunication services that is received during a session initiated by a buyer. In such a manner, a buyer is assured that the terms or information related to a telecommunication service that such buyer receives or reviews during a session remains unchanged during such session in the event that buyer decides to purchase such telecommunication service. In yet another configuration, a seller may indicate to TSM 140 a willingness to be bound by the terms of a TSM-generated RFP reply. This indication may be in the form of a flag or other code corresponding to a seller's offerings and included in seller database 248.

In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for [distributing] **facilitating the purchase of** telecommunication services, the method comprising:

storing in memory [a set] **information associated with one or more of a plurality of service providers, the information being used to determine one or more** [of] responses to [purchase] a request[s] [for] **to purchase at least one** telecommunication service[s], [associated with a plurality of service providers,] each **of the one or more** responses **reflecting being** [at least one telecommunication service offering] associated with **at least** one of the **plurality of** service providers and **each of the one or more responses being further associated with** a related cost for the **at least one** telecommunication service [offering];

establishing a session over a network for considering the purchase of **the at least one** telecommunication service[s];

receiving **the** [a purchase] request at a computer on the network, **wherein the request is received after the information associated with one or more of a plurality of service providers is stored** [including information indicating a requested telecommunication service];

determining [assessing the stored set of responses for] **the** at least one response **in response to the received request** [reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service]; and

preventing a requester from accepting the identified response after the session is terminated.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:
terminating the session[, **such that when the session is terminated the response can no longer be accepted**].

3. **(Canceled)**

4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:
permitting access by service providers to the stored information [set of responses] during the session [to purchase requests for telecommunication services].

5. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:
denying access by the service providers to the stored information [set of responses to purchase requests for telecommunication services] during the session.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:
denying access by a service provider, during the session, to [at least one response of] the stored information [set of responses to requests for telecommunication services], wherein the response to which access is denied is the same as the [information used to determine the] at least one response [reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service].

7. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:

permitting each service provider to modify the stored information [set of responses to requests for telecommunications services] to reflect changes in the at least one telecommunication service provided by the service provider [in the service provider's telecommunication service offerings].

8. **(Currently Amended)** A system for provisioning telecommunication service [providing system], comprising:

a database containing a set of responses to purchase requests for telecommunication services, each response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering associated with a service provider and a related cost for the telecommunication service offering;

a computer in communication with a network and the database, to establish a session for (i) receiving a purchase request on behalf of a buyer including information indicating a requested telecommunication service for at least one consumer, (ii) accessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests for at least one response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service for the at least one consumer, (iii) receiving an acceptance to the response during the session; and (iv) preventing the acceptance to the response after the session.

9. **(Previously Presented)** A computer-implemented method for purchasing telecommunication services during a session, the method comprising:

storing a set of responses in memory to purchase requests for telecommunication services, each response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering associated with a service provider and a related cost for the telecommunication service offering;

receiving a purchase request at a computer on a network during the session including information indicating a requested telecommunication service;

accessing the stored set of responses to purchase requests during the session for at least one response reflecting at least one telecommunication service offering capable of satisfying the requested telecommunication service;

permitting a requestor to accept the at least one response during the session; and preventing the service provider from modifying the set of responses during the session.